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HEARING & SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVAL REQUEST FORM INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Wisconsin licensed Audiologists, Hearing Instrument Specialists, and Speech-Language Pathologists are required to obtain **20 hours (including at least 2 hours relating to ethics) of Continuing Education** between February 1, 2013 and January 31, 2015.

A licensee who fails to meet the continuing education requirements by January 31, 2015 shall not practice until they can complete the continuing education requirements and pay the registration and late fee.

For board auditing purposes, the licensee shall maintain records of continuing education hours for at least **5 years from the date the certification statement is signed.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND COURSES OF STUDY

The subject matter of the program or course shall pertain to an area or topic which relates to the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing instruments, audiology or speech-language pathology.

The board may accept attendance at and completion of one or more continuing education programs or courses of study approved by the American Academy of Audiology, American Speech Language Hearing Association, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, International Hearing Society or the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences as fulfilling the continuing education hours required.

The board may accept attendance at and completion of graduate courses of study from an accredited university which pertain to the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing instruments, audiology, or speech-language pathology, as appropriate, as fulfilling one or more continuing education hours required under this chapter. Each clock hour of a course shall be equivalent to one hour of continuing education.

Continuing education programs or courses of study offered by alternative delivery methods such as home-study courses, self-study packages, computer courses, televideo conferencing and other methods may be approved by the board.

ENTITY/ORGANIZATION SEEKING APPROVAL

Sponsors shall submit the "Continuing Education Approval Request" (Form #2440) to the Hearing & Speech Board **at least 30 days prior** to the first date the program or course of study is offered. The board will review the "Continuing Education Approval Request Form" at their regularly scheduled board meetings. The Hearing & Speech Examining Board meets four times a year at <http://dsps.wi.gov/prof/hear/exams.htm>. **Programs or courses offered prior to the next available board meeting will not be approved.**

The program or course sponsor agrees to monitor the attendance, furnish a certificate of attendance to each participant and maintain records verifying attendance for at least 5 years.

PROGRAMS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD

A program or course sponsor may repeat a previously approved program or course within the same biennium without application, if the subject matter and instructor has not changed.